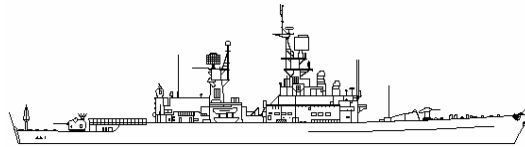


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REUNION 2004 NEWSLETTER



THE USS WAINWRIGHT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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SHIPS STORE REPORT

We appreciate your patience on your orders that took a long time getting to you. Sometimes when we have to order product, it prolongs the shipping time. If you do not receive your order within three weeks of mailing in your order please call me at 803-324-8225. Keep watching the Ship's Store page on the web site.

We are going to add several new items before the reunion. The Ship's Store will be at the reunion, but you can still order items to show your colors on your travels to the reunion. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Norfolk! If you can't get the Ship's Store order form off the web, please call me at the above number and I'll mail you one.
Thanks, Richard Molck, Ship's Storekeeper, USS Wainwright Veterans Assn.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
Welcome and greetings to all

Who remembers "Liberty Call, Liberty Call, all hands going ashore lay up to the quarterdeck"? Then we'd form up, be checked by the Chief of the Watch and head into town. One of the towns throughout the years was Norfolk, Virginia, and it looks like the Wainwrights are visiting again.

Yes, its reunion time and this one is being held in Norfolk. I know Norfolk holds many different memories for all of us, some good and some bad. From what our reunion chairman has found out, Norfolk is actively seeking reunions such as ours as a means of helping their economy. Working with the Convention Bureau, our chairman has arranged some interesting sounding tours, not only for the "old salts", but for the ladies as well. In addition to the tours, there will be ample opportunities for mingling and swapping sea stories.

I won't attempt to lay out all that's been planned for our visit; that is covered in detail later on in this newsletter and on the website. I would like to say that every time I've attended one of the reunions, I've enjoyed meeting shipmates from all the departments, not just Weapons, and comparing experiences. It's been rewarding to say the least.

In closing I'd like to say "**Welcome Aboard**", we hope that you enjoy yourself this time, and come back to visit again with us in the year 2006.

Frank J. Yost, President, USS Wainwright Veterans Association

2004 REUNION ACCOMMODATIONS
HILTON NORFOLK AIRPORT

The Hilton Norfolk Airport is located less than two miles from Norfolk International Airport and six miles from downtown Norfolk. Situated off Interstate 64 between Colonial Williamsburg and Virginia Beach, the Hilton is sure to meet every need for our reunion. Enjoy large and very clean guest rooms (two doubles or one king and 10 ADA compliant) with coffee makers, hair dryers, magnifying mirrors, refreshment centers, irons and ironing boards in each room. Also enjoy complete health club facilities; outdoor swimming pool, lighted tennis courts, free parking, free airport transportation, style salon, gift shop, and business center.

There are three restaurants on the premises. LE PROMONADE CAFE offers three meals a day featuring "ALL YOU CAN EAT" buffets and a fabulous Sunday brunch, PASTA GRANDE features Southern Italian favorites served in large portions at reasonable prices and ANTIQUITIES consistently recognized as one of the finest restaurants in Hampton Roads (the only five star restaurant in Norfolk).

The @cyber.bar has the latest in computer and Internet technology, rentable computers with high speed access, color and laser printing, nightly entertainment, and nine televisions with satellite hookups.

Our special reunion rate for July 13th through the 18th is \$85.00 per night plus room and sales tax. This rate is good for three days before and three days after the scheduled dates of our reunion. There aren't many days blocked out before and after, so make your reservations early if you want to extend your stay. These rates are the best you will find in the area in July. If you have any problems with reservations, call Dan or Cara Bowman at (513) 829-7280. We will work with the hotel on your behalf. Kids under 18 are free when staying in your room. If you need an accessible room, mention that when making your reservations. You are responsible for making your own reservations.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Please call **Norfolk Hilton Airport** at their toll free number **1-800-422-7474**, Mon. thru Fri. from 9 am to 5pm. **Tell them you are with the USS Wainwright Veterans Assn. to get our special rate.**

For additional information Hilton's website is www.norfolk.hilton.com

DO NOT make reservations through the website, **call the Hilton Norfolk Airport directly.**

NORFOLK

Norfolk is a city whose deep water ports have played an integral part in our nation's growth since the 1600's. At some point in time, many of us have visited or heard stories about Norfolk. Some remember a time when this city was considered to be less than hospitable to the men who wore dress blue uniforms while in service to this country.

The New Norfolk, as the city rightfully claims, embraces its history with the sea, along with the men, and now too, the women who serve on have served our nation. The city recognizes and celebrates its connection to the sea with its centerpiece, NAUTICUS: The National Maritime Center. Proudly berthed alongside the Maritime Center is the Battleship Wisconsin, which is managed by the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, located within NAUTICUS. It is one of eleven official United States Navy museums.

Downtown Norfolk is transforming itself into a vibrant center of waterfront eateries, shopping venues and nightclubs all located in the Waterside Festival Marketplace. Waterside rests adjacent to the Spirit of Norfolk Boat Tour slip which itself is located just a few minutes walk along parts of the Cannonball Trail outside NAUTICUS.

If you crave art overload, visit the Chrysler Museum. The Chrysler is envied by many art museums throughout the world for its collection of over 30,000 works of art. The museum contains numerous objects from the personal collection of automobile heir and art collector Walter P. Chrysler Jr., along with periodical changing exhibits.

The Chrysler Museum link provided on the Reunion 2004 page of the USS Wainwright website provides considerable information if you are interested. Nothing can take the place of an actual visit though. To fully appreciate the treasures that lie within this museum, which is located on the Hague inlet of the Elizabeth River, plan ample time. Understandably, certain restrictions apply to camera usage inside the museum.

Located deeper in the heart of Downtown Norfolk, the old city hall and courthouse is now the resting place of the General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur and his wife. A walk through this National Historic Place is always free, orders of the General. A tour conducted by John McLaughlin, Education Coordinator with the City of Norfolk is so much more. John's knowledge of the general's life and place in history is unparalleled in scope and depth. John promises to be on hand to walk us through history. Though this is primarily a museum with Army overtones, Naval artifacts are displayed in recognition of the role it played in helping the General keep his promise to the people of the Philippines.

HAMPTON ROADS

The area surrounding Norfolk is rich in history and recreation. Olde Towne Portsmouth, Yorktown, Newport News and Jamestown are names synonymous with the early history of our nation. Driving into Norfolk may place you on one of the Seven Engineering Wonders of the Modern World, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Virginia Beach is a recreation destination for many vacationers each year. Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens combine both the historical and the recreational features of the area. Each of these locations can be entered into your web browser's search box resulting in a variety of selections to choose your specific interest.

Tour information on next page

Thursday, July 15, 2004, 1:00 PM-5:00PM **Ladies Tour**
NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDENS, MOSES MYERS HOUSE AND DOUMAR'S ICE
CREAM TREAT

Board the motor coach with your tour guide and visit the Norfolk Botanical Gardens which encompasses 155 acres of botanical offerings including some of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, roses and rhododendrons on the East Coast. Enjoy a relaxing trackless train ride, and spend time browsing in the Garden Gift Shop which specializes in unique garden related items and hard to find gardening books. Next, tour the Moses Myers House, built in 1792 by the first Jewish family in Norfolk; this home is a wonderful example of Georgian architecture with Federal interior detailing. More than 70 percent of the furnishings are original. Before heading back to the hotel, visit Doumar's Drive Inn, home of the world's first ice cream cone machine. This machine, originally used in the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair is still in use today at the family business. Mr. Doumar will give us an introduction and all the passengers will be treated to an ice cream cone before boarding the bus.

Package Price: \$30.00 per person, \$25.00 child 3-12 years, no charge under 3 on lap.

Please enter tour price in corresponding box on the registration form

Friday, July 16, 2004, 8:45AM – 4:30 PM **Reunion Signature Tour**
NAUTICAUS, BATTLESHIP WISCONSIN, MEMORIAL SERVICE ONBOARD WISCONSIN,
SPIRIT OF NORFOLK LUNCH CRUISE & RETURN TO NAUTICUS

Board the motor coach with your tour guide and enjoy a visit to Norfolk's premier attraction, NAUTICUS, The National Maritime Center. Features here include a series of ingenious interactive exhibits, shows, and theaters. Enjoy the film "The Last Battleship", shown in 70 MM on a giant screen. Also housed here is the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, one of the museums officially operated by the U.S. Navy. Highlights of the naval battles and exhibits of detailed ship models, artwork and memorabilia are showcased in the museum. A true highlight to your visit to NAUTICUS will be a tour of the battleship *Wisconsin*, one of the famous Iowa-class ships. This great ship saw action in WWII, the Korean War and most recently in the Persian Gulf War. *Wisconsin* remains in the Inactive Fleet and is permanently berthed beside NAUTICUS where it is accessed by a connecting walkway. The main deck and sections of two upper decks are open for you to explore. While onboard the *Wisconsin*, a Memorial Service will be held for the group. Next, board the magnificent *Spirit of Norfolk* for a two-hour luncheon cruise. Feast on a sumptuous buffet and enjoy the informative narration as you cruise through the Hampton Roads Harbor. View the many interesting sights along the waterfront, including the mighty aircraft carriers and nuclear submarines at the Norfolk Naval Base. Enjoy dancing and a show following lunch. The ship has two climate-controlled lower decks and an open-air upper deck. Following the cruise, you will return to NAUTICUS to explore the museum for the remainder of the afternoon.

Package Price: \$55.00 per person, \$50.00 child 3-12 years, no charge under 3.

Please enter tour price in corresponding box on the registration form

Saturday, July 17, 2004, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
RIDING NORFOLK CITY TOUR, MAC ARTHUR MEMORIAL, NORFOLK NAVAL BASE TOUR
WITH LUNCH INCLUDED ON THE BASE

Board the motor coach with your tour guide and learn about Norfolk's colorful 320 year history as you ride through the lovely historic district and restored areas. View the stately homes along The Hague, Old St. Paul's Church, the Moses Myers House, the Chrysler Museum of Art, the historic Freemason District, NAUTICUS, the Battleship Wisconsin and the restored waterfront area, and many other points of interest. Next, visit the Mac Arthur Memorial for a glimpse into our country's history. During your visit you will view the outstanding collection of artifacts, documents, photographs and memorabilia housed in Norfolk's historic city hall, which traces the life and times of five-star General Douglas MacArthur. You will also have the opportunity to view the 25 minute film, which chronicles General MacArthur's life. The General and his wife are entombed in the rotunda of the memorial. A gift shop with unique memorabilia is located on the premises. Following the Memorial, tour the Norfolk Naval Base, the largest naval installation in the world. Home port to over 100 ships, 26 aircraft squadrons and headquarters of the Atlantic Fleet, the base occupies over 8,000 acres of land and is home to more than 100,000 military personnel. Your tour will take you past the piers, through the Naval Air Station and past the historic homes built for the 1907 Jamestown Exposition on "Admiral's Row" which now houses flag officers. While on the base enjoy lunch (included) at Breezy Point Officer's Club.

Package Price: \$40.00 per person, \$35.00 child 3-12 years, no charge under 3.

Please enter tour price in corresponding box on the registration form.

The package price includes:

- Motor Coach transportation, tour guide service, admissions as listed, meals as listed, taxes and gratuities
 - Gratuities for guide and driver are not included, and are at the discretion of the individual
 - Prices are based on 35 person minimum needed for the tour
 - CANCELLATION POLICY-NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER JULY 1, 2004.** Any participant who does not show for their tour will NOT receive a refund
 - Last minute (after June 15th) participants will be accommodated on a space available basis only, and ticket prices will be an additional \$5.00 per person per tour
 - Boarding times will be 15 minutes prior to listed departure times in front of the Hilton Norfolk Airport Hotel
- PLEASE NOTE: All passengers visiting the military installation MUST have a picture ID card (driver's license, ID, Passport). No bags other than pocketbooks or camera cases will be allowed on base. Do not bring any pocket knives, scissors or nail files with you on the tour. All persons are subject to a personal search. No privately owned vehicles are permitted on base.**

MEALS AND EVENTS

Wednesday, July 14, 2004

"Unofficial Visit" to the Norfolk Naval Base

A guided tour of an active ship of the Atlantic Fleet will take place during the mid-afternoon hours. This opportunity has been made available by a shipmate who is currently a contractor for the U.S. Navy. We will travel to the base P.O.V. The type and name of the ship cannot be determined until a short time before we arrive in Norfolk due to undetermined ship scheduling. If you haven't had enough of the "real thing" join us at the Hilton. Please read and observe the base rules found in the tour information section of the newsletter.

Early arrivals cookout and dance party 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Dress: very casual

A cookout on the Hilton's patio will "kick-off" our reunion weekend. All-American cookout menu of hot dogs and hamburgers, buns, onions, peppers, potato or pasta salad, cole slaw, spinach and mandarin salad with citrus vinaigrette dressing with lemon meringue pie for dessert, peach tea and lemonade to drink. Cash bar serving beer and wine coolers. DJ entertainment and instruction for Shag dancing, the official dance of South Carolina.

\$25.00 per person adult, \$15.00 per child ages 3 to 12

Please enter price in corresponding box on registration form

Thursday, July 15, 2004 11:30 am to 12:45 pm

Community Luncheon

Dress: Casual

All are invited to the luncheon before the National Business meeting and the departure of the ladies tour. Choose **either** a chef salad- julienne slices of ham, turkey, Swiss cheese and mixed seasonal greens, eggs, tomatoes, cucumbers and olives with choice of dressing and roll **OR** Deli plate- sliced roast beef, breast of turkey, sugar cured ham and salami, American and Swiss cheeses, on a fresh Kaiser roll with either red skin potatoes or cole slaw. Carrot cake for dessert, iced tea to drink

\$15.00 per person

Please enter price and circle entrée choice in corresponding box on registration form

Dinner is on your own. Free evening. Hospitality room will be open.

Friday, July 16, 2004

Dinner is on your own. Free evening. Hospitality room will be open.

Saturday, July 17, 2004 5:00 pm to 10:00pm

Photos and Evening Banquet

Dress: dressy casual with ISLAND theme.

Tonight's activities, both the menu and the entertainment are **ISLAND THEMED.**

Saturday Eve continued:

Gather in lobby around 5:00 pm near hospitality and banquet rooms for group and individual photo session at 5:30 p.m. Cocktails from 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm. Opening remarks and introduction of officers and committee members at 6:45 pm. Buffet dinner and entertainment at 7:00 pm following invocation.

Dinner selections are: mixed green field greens with assorted dressings, mixed fruit bowl, roast pork with mojo sauce (brown sauce with garlic, lime and mandarin orange), tilapia (fish) with Creole sauce (mild pepper and tomato sauce), grilled chicken with a Jamaican rum raisin sauce, red beans and rice, steamed vegetable medley. Desserts are coconut cake, chocolate cake and key lime pie. Coffee and iced tea to drink. Cash bar.

\$40.00 per person adult, 75.00 per couple, \$22.00 per child ages 3 to 12

Please enter price in corresponding box on registration form.

RAFFLES AND DOOR PRIZES

To help financially support previous reunions, shipmates were asked to bring items that were unique to the area in which they live. The donated items would ultimately be raffled to those in attendance. Although we are not abandoning this practice entirely, a "silent" raffle will be established with winners being announced prior to the Saturday evening banquet.

A registration fee has been instituted this year to offset the dependence on such donations, to provide snacks and soft drinks in the hospitality room, reunion supplies, i.e., postage, printing costs, decorations, etc.

The Hilton Norfolk Airport has generously granted us a free room for every forty room registrations each night of the reunion. The more rooms we register in multiples of forty, the more free nights stay will be available, compliments of the Hilton. You must be a registered guest at the hotel and you must be present at the Saturday evening banquet for your chance to win a certificate entitling you to a free nights stay.

We look forward to seeing all of our shipmates who live in the area this July. If you haven't yet taken the time to see what the *NEW* Norfolk has to offer, join us for the entire weekend at the Hilton. You have many reasons to feel proud for choosing to live in the area.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS FROM OUR WEBMASTER

Over the last few months I have updated the look and structure of the website. The feedback I have so far has been very positive, so if you haven't looked at the site in a while, please stop in and browse around. One of the areas that have been improved is the photo album. I now have several new features posted and hope to get more posted soon. I would like to thank all that have contributed the pictures that are currently online. If anyone else has pictures they would like to share with us on the website please email them to me at kenz@visi.com. If you do not have web access, you can send them to me through regular US Postal mail at the address below.

I would also like to take a couple moments to encourage anyone whose current information is out of date to fill out the registration page to update their records with the association. As always, I will post the latest reunion information on the website as it is available. Please check often for updates. See you in Norfolk. **Thank You,**

**Ken Zalewski
7302 Paul Alcove
Woodbury, MN. 55125**

FROM OUR SHIP'S CURATOR

We need your help! The artifacts that were removed from the ship, and from shipmates that have donated articles need a home. We are raising money to purchase a trailer to create a mobile exhibit to bring to reunions and events. We also need manpower and money to start restoring the artifacts, and making working exhibits. All rates are needed. Log onto the web site for further details. If you would like to schedule time to help with the artifacts please call me at **803-423-8225** or email me at rmolck@comporium.net **Thanks, Richard Molck, Ship's Curator**

HELP WANTED!!! A REQUEST FROM WVA PRESIDENT

There comes a time in all organizations, where for one reason or another staff members fall by the wayside. We are at that point now. Due to personal reasons and work scheduling, we are looking for a newsletter editor, who will be able to put together a newsletter for posting on the website as well as assembling it for printing. This will be done 3 to 4 times a year. As things stand now, it is all done via home computers and the Internet.

We are also looking for someone to maintain our roster. This includes updating all technical information on our roster of shipmates on a regular basis. Anyone willing to take on either of these responsibilities please contact me via email at sunrider@tampabay.rr.com

Additionally, we are accepting nominations for candidates to fill officer positions in the organization.

The following named persons have been nominated as candidates for the post of:

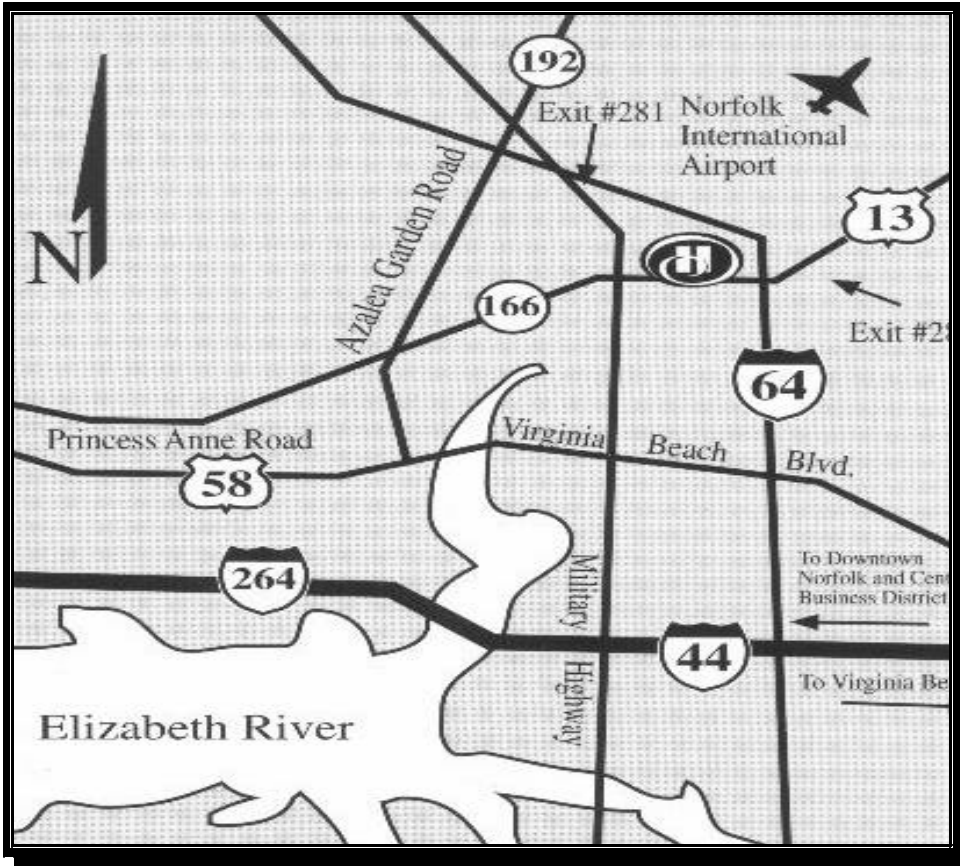
President	Stan Smith
Vice President	Ed Cookenham
Secretary	Dan Bowman
Treasurer	Manny Seligmann
Master at Arms	Dick Becker

Officer elections will be held during the business meeting at the reunion. If any of you have a desire and the willingness to help the organization, please submit your names and nominations to Dan Bowman our Secretary. You can contact him by email at DnlBow@aol.com or phone at (513) 829-7280.

Thank You, Frank J. Yost, President, USS Wainwright Veteran's Association

USS WAINWRIGHT VETERANS ASSN
Balance Sheet
As of February 8, 2004

	<u>Feb 8, 04</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
CASH	3,387.75
TRAILER	-116.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>3,271.75</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>3,271.75</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,271.75</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
DUE TO SOS	170.00
SALES TAX PAYABLE	-2.78
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>167.22</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>167.22</u>
Total Liabilities	167.22
Equity	
NET ASSETS	3,360.15
Retained Earnings	-255.62
Total Equity	<u>3,104.53</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>3,271.75</u>



From Washington, DC and Points North:

Take I-95 South to I-295 South (beltway around Richmond) to I-64 East. Take Exit #281B (South Military Highway). Immediately get in the left lane. Turn left at the first traffic light and enter the hotel parking lot.

From Richmond and Points West:

Take I-64 East. Take Exit #281 B (South Military Highway). Immediately get into the left lane. Turn left at the first traffic light and enter hotel parking lot.

From the Carolinas and Points South:

Take I-95 North to Route 58 East to I-64 West. Take Exit #282 (Northampton Blvd.) Get in the left exit lane. Turn left at first traffic light at the end of the ramp (you will pass under I-64). Turn right at the first traffic light and enter the hotel parking lot.

From Norfolk International Airport:

Follow airport access to road to Main Exit. Take a left at the first traffic light onto Azalea Garden Road. Turn left at first traffic light onto Military Highway. Go under I-64 and turn left at the first traffic light into hotel.